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April 03, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 April 3, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
ALAMITOS BARRIER PROJECT
UNIT 13 OBSERVATION WELLS
IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to construct seawater barrier observation wells in the City of Long Beach, find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, and call for bids.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for drilling, developing and equipping of seawater barrier observation wells, in the City of Long Beach, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$650,000 and \$750,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on May 1, 2012, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD); adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the drilling, developing, and equipping of seawater barrier observation wells; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by putting into operation a means to monitor the effectiveness of this seawater barrier thereby providing a warning system to prevent seawater contamination of the groundwater basins.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$650,000 to \$750,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$853,200. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans, specifications, consultant services, survey, environmental permit compliance, right of way and utility clearance, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services. On March 20, 2012, your Board approved a cooperative agreement with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, under which the LACFCD will be reimbursed up to \$300,000 for a portion of the cost to construct Unit 13 Observation Wells.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the drilling, developing, and equipping of seawater barrier observation wells, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing program to prevent seawater contamination of the groundwater basins through the operation of seawater barriers. This project is needed to provide additional capability for monitoring the effectiveness of this seawater barrier. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August 2012 and be completed in January 2013.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and

GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the LACFCD to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the LACFCD to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303(d) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 3, Subsection (f) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for construction of new small facilities and the installation of observation wells.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by putting into operation a means to

monitor the effectiveness of this seawater barrier thereby providing a warning system to prevent seawater contamination of the groundwater basins.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)